



Call for Nominations: McCausland Faculty Fellows

In 2013, the McCausland Faculty Fellows Program was established as part of a \$10 million endowment from USC alumnus **Peter McCausland** ('71). Together with his wife, Bonnie, McCausland—chairman and chief executive officer of the Pennsylvania-based company Airgas, Inc.—sought to cultivate and retain faculty scholars who are simultaneously leaders in their academic fields and committed, creative teachers. The fellowships are thus designed to reward junior faculty members in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) for their combined excellence in teaching and research.

Eligibility: Tenure-track or recently tenured faculty members in the CAS who are within 10 years of earning their doctoral degrees are eligible. CAS faculty members who are more than 10 years away from earning their doctoral degrees are ineligible.

Nomination process:

Tenure-granting units may each nominate up to two eligible tenure-track/tenured faculty members from their respective departments or schools during each fellowship cycle. Each chair/director should submit: 1) a brief letter of recommendation from the chair/director; 2) an up-to-date curriculum vita for the nominee using the [online submission form](#).

Units nominating jointly appointed faculty should be sure to consult with the other unit before submitting the nomination form, which will be completed by the Chair or Director of the tenure-granting unit.

NOMINATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 24, 2022

Expectations:

- Each fellowship begins with the academic year (August 16, 2023) and has a term of three years.
- Each fellowship provides both a \$5,000 salary supplement during each academic year of the three-year term.
- The fellowship also provides a one-time research fund of \$5,000, which is paid on a reimbursement basis and which cannot be used to provide compensation to the faculty and cannot be used for course buyout. The research fund does not carry-over and cannot be extended.
- Fellowship recipients must continue to fulfill normal expectations of teaching effectiveness, professional development, research and scholarship, and departmental and university service during the duration of the fellowship.
- Fellowship recipients are expected to participate in a limited number of special events during the duration of the fellowship, such as admitted student days, open houses, and recognition events.

Procedure for Evaluation:

The associate deans will comprise the selection committee, chaired by Dean Samuels. Two recent McCausland Fellows will also be appointed to the selection committee: one faculty member from the natural sciences and the other faculty member representing the arts, humanities, and social sciences.

Criteria for Evaluation:

Fellowship selection is a highly competitive process based on merit. Fellows will be chosen based on the extent to which the requested nomination materials demonstrate the expected combination of scholarly and pedagogical excellence.